

BOOK REVIEW REPLY

The review above clearly indicates the reviewer's displeasure with the discursive style of this text. However, almost none of the topics of substance therein are discussed.

I do not treat non-interpolatory approximation in depth in some places, because this subtopic is the main content of the books of Farin and of Bartels, Beatty, and Barsky. Nevertheless, approximation is the guiding feature of optimal smoothing splines, a topic of great interest to statisticians, which is treated in the book. In addition, B-splines and Bezier splines are likewise not ignored. I certainly have no "political" motives in focusing on the topics I do.

I must leave the "joy" question to each reader, but I hope you will have a chance to look at this book yourself, and see if you agree. As for what books to consult, one of my motives in writing this book was to make a collection of results, formulas, and algorithms available for people wishing to write programs. I found such concreteness and clarity lacking in other sources I consulted while developing such software myself.

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